



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Florida—Rural Utilities Service

## Community Building

### Communities to Benefit from Replacement of Failing Wastewater Treatment Plant

#### Outline Of Need:

The City of Monticello owned and operated a 1.0 million gallon-per-day capacity wastewater treatment plant constructed in 1990 that served the residents and commercial areas of the city. The wastewater treatment plant had severe structural deficiencies which could lead to catastrophic system failure. Failure of the plant tankage would result in severe impacts to the water quality of the surrounding surface waters and potentially to area drinking water resources.

#### How Rural Development Helped:

USDA Rural Development assisted the City of Monticello by investing \$6,255,800 for upgrades and replacement of their currently failing wastewater treatment plant. Monticello received a \$4,715,000 loan and a \$1,540,800 grant from Rural Development. With USDA's financial assistance, a



*New tankage at the City of Monticello's newly constructed Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility.*

new 0.8 million gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant was constructed.

#### The Results:

Residents and businesses in the City of Monticello and surrounding Jefferson County now have sufficient and reliable water treatment capacity for an estimated 20-plus years. The population consists of many fixed-income residents, and USDA's loan and grant assistance has provided the means to minimize the financial impact on the city's residential and commercial customers.

Construction associated with the replacement of the city's wastewater treatment plant occurred entirely within the existing treatment plant's footprint on pre-developed land, resulting in no adverse environmental impacts by the wastewater system improvements.

### Fast Facts

**Program:** RUS -Water and Wastewater

**Date:** July 2011

**Investment:** \$6,255,800

**Congressional District:** Congressman Steve Southerland II, District 2

**Partners:** City of Monticello

**Demographics:** This project is located in Jefferson County in Florida's northwest panhandle.

#### Impact:

- Families and businesses served by the City of Monticello's waste water treatment plant have reliable service without risks of contamination of nearby surface waters.

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